

PUGET SOUND VITAL SIGNS

VITAL SIGN SENSE OF PLACE

The Sense of Place Vital Sign is a composite of two separate indices and a baseline measure of satisfaction derived from existing national survey data. Sense of place is defined as the extent to which people identify with and feel positively attached to a specific place. Several studies have demonstrated that not only does a strong sense of place contribute to human wellbeing, but that it can also contribute to a desire to protect the natural environment. Sense of place is clearly linked to other human wellbeing measures, particularly cultural and psychological measures, and is thus an informative, all-encompassing measure of well being. The measure of overall life satisfaction will be used as a baseline against which to assess changes in status of most of the other Human Wellbeing indicators.

Reporting Lead

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VITAL SIGN > INDICATOR	PROGRESS	STATUS
Sense of Place		
Overall life satisfaction	INSUFFICIENT OR NO DATA	NO 2020 TARGET
Psychological Wellbeing Index	INSUFFICIENT OR NO DATA	NO 2020 TARGET
Sense of Place Index	INSUFFICIENT OR NO DATA	NO 2020 TARGET

Key Messages

Coming soon!

Strategies, Actions, And Effectiveness

- Actions proposed in the [Action Agenda](#) that advance this Vital Sign (*let us know if we missed any!*):
 - [Hood Canal Natural Resource Economic Assessment](#)
 - [HCCC Integrated Watershed Plan-Adaptive Management and Monitoring](#)

Background Documents

- [Leadership Council Resolution 2015-02, Human Health and Quality of Life Vital Signs and Indicators](#)
- [Human Wellbeing Vital Signs and Indicators for Puget Sound Recovery](#)

Other Resources

- Articles related to [quality of life](#) in the [Encyclopedia of Puget Sound](#)
- [Relationship between shoreline armor and sense of place](#)
- [Whose Puget Sound? Examining Place Attachment, Residency, and Stewardship in the Puget Sound Region](#). Trimbach et al. 2020

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